

In Memoriam

Joseph Sheehan & Jim Pusack

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To the IALLT Membership

We recently learned of the deaths of two important and beloved members of our extended IALLT Community: Joseph Sheehan and Jim Pusack.

The IALLT Board is grateful to Mike Ledgerwood, IALLT President-Elect, and Sharon Scinicariello, IALLT Publicity Coordinator, for compiling the following information in order that each of you might understand the importance of these gentlemen, not only within our organization, but also within the larger computer-assisted language learning community.

JOSEPH SHEEHAN

Joe Sheehan was a language professional at the University of Houston and was the last President of IALLT's predecessor group, the National Association of Language Laboratory Directors. Joe was influential in creating the strong relationship NALLD and IALLT have with the Japan Association for Language Education and Technology (LET) and helped with the first FLEAT (Foreign Language Education and Technology) conferences. Joe was also very important in the creation of IALL (now IALLT) at a meeting at Concordia University in Montreal (Quebec, Canada), Joe's report about this meeting can be found at <http://flea5.byu.edu/files/FLEAT11ALL.pdf>. In addition, a photograph of Joe with other FLEAT leaders can be found at the same site at <http://flea5.byu.edu/previous.html>. More recently, in retirement, he spent time in Thailand as well as Houston continuing in his love for Asia, its peoples and its cultures. His sense of humor, his gentle manner, his mentoring, and his engagement in the world of language learning and technology will certainly be missed.

JIM PUSACK

Jim Pusack was professor of German and Chair of his department at the University of Iowa. Some of his best known work was connected to Iowa's Project for International Communication Studies and its software and materials. His work on using video for (German language learning is still widely read. Jim was engaged to be married in February to former IALLT President Sue Otto. He will be missed for his humor, his lively personality, as well as his devotion to computer assisted language learning. Prof. Robert

Fischer, Executive Director of CALICO, also notes Jim's involvement with CALICO when he writes, Jim was one of the most active researchers and developers in CALL, in addition to being a fervent supporter of CALICO from its inception. It is an understatement that his presence—and his wit—will be sorely missed by many people in CALICO.

Prof. Graham Davies of EUROCALL gives us a wonderful anecdote to remember Jim by when he writes We [Graham and his wife] often met Sue and Jim for dinner during conferences. Jim's presence at the dining table was like a cabaret performance. He was a constant source of wit and loved to tease the servers. I recall one occasion when our server launched into her usual routine, beginning with, 'Hi, I'm Sharon. I am your waitress for tonight'. Quick as a flash, Jim replied, 'I'm Jim. We are your eaters for tonight'. Please visit the following site to read more about Jim and to post about Jim: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~flaregra/JimRemembered.html>.

IALLT will honor both of these men more fully in a future volume of the *IALLT Journal*. The Board would certainly welcome any of your memories for inclusion in that issue. Please send these remembrances to me or to others on the [IALLT Board](#).

On behalf of the IALLT Board,

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